

**South Park Stakeholders Group –
Sidewalk Operations Beautification and Order (SOBO) Committee Meeting
Tuesday, February 12, 2013, 2:30 PM
Villa Flores, 1020 Flower Street, Downtown Los Angeles, CA 90015**

Committee Members: Gary Warfel, Robin Bieker, Bob Buente

Staff: Jessica Lall, Amanda Irvine

Consultant: Marco Li Mandri

MINUTES:

Committee Chair, Bob Buente called the meeting to order at 3:10 PM. There were no public announcements or comments.

<i>Item</i>	<i>Discussion</i>	<i>Action taken?</i>
Update on Vision Tablet Demo	Bob updates the committee on his meeting with Securitas regarding the vision tablets. He raises questions on the effectiveness of tablets on bicycles. They are useful for tracking patrol activities, very robust system, but bulky. He presents the possibility of phone-based system but then system is restricted to pull-down menus. Jessica has spoken to LT, who is not for the vision tablet. Security checks need to maintain random, and the Vision Tablet requires check ins at specific locations. Jessica and Bob will talk to LT and determine what technology is necessary and what current exists.	No action taken
Dispatch trainings	Jessica raises issue that dispatchers are not formally certified in dispatch. Cost for training is \$99 and 3 full weeks (120 hours). Ana will be back in March and can attend. Sharon needs to take time off in March and will attend training in August. Possibility of Securitas providing a dispatcher for the two weeks both will be gone.	Robin motions that the committee approve the cost and training of dispatchers Ana and Sharon. All in favor, no opposed.
Security / Dispatch Hours Update	Committee reviews projected costs of bringing security in house. Security was in-house at SP in the past. Based on the weekly city crime stat meeting, SP does not have a violent crime problem- mostly vagrancy and homelessness. Security needs to have training dealing with communications and PR and a sense of safety more than 24/7 surveillance. Team would not require a raise of current salaries if they could be brought in house and receive health benefits. Based on Jessica's budget, it would be slightly cheaper to bring them in house. Marco	No action taken

	discusses liability insurance, general liability, and workman's comp. DNO and general liability \$15-16,000 for a 4 mill policy for Marco's BID- figures 1.4%. It currently appears that the BID would save \$180,000 (roughly) by bringing Securitas in house, assuming we let some people go (number also factors in \$80K for previous Operations Director position). Gary brings up the concern of the true cost of liability insurance for people in security. SP may not always be as safe as it is now. General agreement to consider bringing someone from Securitas in house. At Marco's BID latest hour is 11pm. Likely need security until 3am in weekend nights. Jessica will come to next meeting with a recommendation.	
Equipment Update (EVs, bikes)	Tabled	No action taken
Capital Expense List	We have a capital account but we do not have a capital budget yet. Need radios, new bikes, new phones, etc. Jessica and Gary will work together to finalize budget for next Board meeting.	No action taken
Security Trainings	Bringing security in house requires training. Sam Yin will be able to help with training. Rickey will get Jessica a list of who has been trained in what.	No action taken
Sidewalk meeting with Bureau of Street Services	Jessica has talked to Sara Hernandez and Nazario Saucedo at Street Services. Amanda will find precedents for sidewalk repairs based in California because of our state specific Mello Roos. New developments have to repair sidewalks, so we need to focus on the properties that are not going to be redeveloped any time soon. Amanda will work with Marco on sidewalk possibilities.	No action taken
Other business	NONE	No action taken
Next Meeting	March 5 at 3:00pm	

NEXT STEPS:

- **Jessica will:**
 - Work with Bob and LT re: necessities for tablet/phone app
 - Send the dispatchers to training
 - Create a more in-depth budget for bringing security in-house, to be voted on at the next meeting
 - Work with Gary on a capital expense list
 - Receive a list from Ricky Teams on current training of our officers
- **Amanda will:**
 - Work with Marco on possibilities for our sidewalks

Minutes taken by Amanda Irvine, staff.